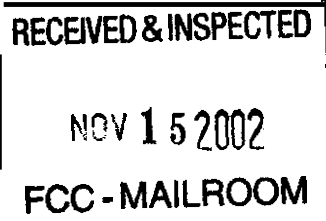




Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO
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November 6, 2002

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: **Ex** Parte Notice

MB Docket Nos. 02-277, 01-235, 01-317, 00-244

In the matter of **2002** Biennial regulatory Review—

Review of the FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules and other rules adopted pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 including cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, rules and policies concerning multiple ownership of radio and television broadcast stations in local markets, dual network ownership restrictions and other media ownership regulations.

The attached correspondence, which was sent to Chairman Michael Powell and copied to the other FCC Commissioners, was filed by the Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO on behalf of the 14 signatory organizations. The letter requested that the Commission hold field hearings as part of its rulemaking process regarding the media ownership rules that are currently under review by the agency.

Sincerely,

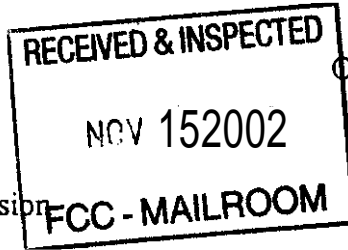
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Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO



October 22, 2002

Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW

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Dear Chairman Powell:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address a serious procedural concern that the undersigned organizations share with respect to the consolidated rule-making that is now before the Federal Communications Commission regarding six media ownership regulations and the separate rulemaking regarding cable ownership.

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itself was inclusive and even-handed while providing commissioners with additional information and insights on which to base their final decisions.

The undersigned **14** national organizations collectively represent nearly one quarter million media professionals and artists who are involved in all phases of news and entertainment programming. We hope that, on their behalf, you will give our recommendation **serious** consideration.

Sincerely,

Actors' Equity Association

Patrick Quinn, President

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists

John Connolly, President

American Federation of Musicians

Thomas F. Lee, President

Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO

Paul E. Almeida, President

Directors Guild of America

Martha Coolidge, President

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Broadcast Division)

Edwin D. Hill, President

International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees

Thomas C. Short, President

National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, CWA

John **S.** Clark, President

National Writers Union (UAW 1981)

Jonathan Tasini, President

The Newspaper Guild, CWA

Linda R. Foley, President

Screen Actors Guild

Melissa Gilbert, President

The Caucus for Television Producers, Writers and Directors

Charles W. **Fries**, Chair

Writers Guild **of** America, East

Herb Sargent, President

Writers Guild **of** America, west

Victoria Ritkin, President

Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner **Kevin J.** Martin